

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the original drawing sheets 1-6 with the formal drawings submitted herewith labeled as Replacement Sheets 1-6 respectively.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced in the Replacement Sheets, which are formal drawings corresponding to the original drawing sheets.

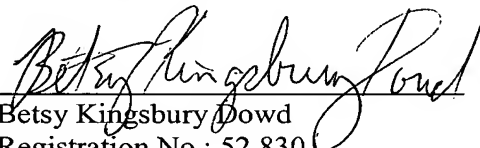
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment prior to examination of the above-referenced application. Applicants have amended the above-identified application in order to remove multiple dependencies and reference numerals from the claims. New claims 21-24 have also been added. Applicants believe that the claims as amended are now in proper form for examination.

In addition, Applicants have added section headings to the specification, as well as a claim of priority to the German application and incorporated by reference both the International Application and the priority German application.

In view of the foregoing submission, examination of the present application on the merits is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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